**Create Your Own Wiki Website**

Instruction Manual



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**How to Get Started**

For our math class, I am expecting you to create a simple three page wiki website. You can find my sample website at <http://alohamathstars.wikispaces.com>

and go to the page, **Reflections**. Each of the three pages will do the following things:

1. **Home Page** introduces everyone to you, here please list the math class
2. **Notes** provides a weekly summary of your lecture notes with illustrations, due by Monday the following week:
   1. You are free to use the many tools available on your laptop, for example you can do the following:
   2. Create a simple YouTube video showing us how to solve a problem
   3. Post a Word document with your notes for the week
3. **Reflections** are done every month, and they due on the third Thursday:
   1. If I were to give myself a grade on how well I am studying for math class, it would be \_\_\_\_\_. (Next explain why in a paragraph or two.)
   2. What was your learning goal for the month? Did you accomplish it, why or why not?

**First Steps to Create your Wiki Website**

Here is a checklist of things to do to make it easy to create your website:

* Go to the website <http://www.wikispaces.com>
* Create your wiki member information, by typing in your user name, password, and email address. Click the box, “Get Started”
* Create your wiki website name. Click wiki permissions, “Public” (it is free). Click wiki type, “K-12 Education.” Click the box, “Create”
* Once you are at your new wiki, there will be a left-hand navigation bar, and look for the button “Manage Wiki” and click it. Now you can click “New Page” to get started. Type in the title of each page, and click “Add Page”
* You’ll see a text editor, similar to the formatting toolbox at MS Word, to format the text on your page and type the text, then click “Save Page”
* Here are a few commands to get started

\* Click on the edit button above to put your own content on this page.

\* To invite new members, click on **Manage Wiki** and **Invite People**.

\* To change your wiki's colors or theme, click on **Manage Wiki** and **Look and Feel**.

\* To set who can view and edit your wiki, click on **Manage Wiki** and **Permissions**.

**Wiki Website Rubric**

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| **Category** | **1 = Needs Development** | **2 = Functioning Website** | **3 = Robust Website** |
| Three pages are included: Home, Notes, and Reflections | Only one page is posted, with little or no content | Two pages are posted online and only show two ways to reach the teacher | All three pages are created and contain relevant action buttons |
| Content is posted online to share notes and reflections | Notes and reflections are minimal and difficult to understand | Notes and reflections list basic understanding of math lessons | Notes and reflections reflect higher understanding of math lessons |
| Discussions posted online with at least two classmates | No interaction with classmates | Briefly discussed homework, lecture notes, and other math concerns with two classmates | Completed detailed discussions on homework, lecture notes, and other math questions |

**References**

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